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IRON 6 SENDS

Labor Day 2006

14 August 2006

1. Labor Day is a holiday dedicated to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our great Nation. Labor Day also marks the close of the summer season and the end of our "101 Critical Days of Summer." I hope that Iron Families will use the long weekend to enjoy a well earned break as summer winds down and our youngsters prepare for the new school year.

2. The Labor Day holiday can turn into tragedy when proven safe practices are ignored or if people use poor judgment and take unnecessary risks. Most of the things that can hurt you or go wrong are easy to anticipate and avoid. Leaders we must prepare our team for success. Approach this holiday as you would any tough mission: plan ahead, develop controls, and execute to standard. Ensure all personnel are briefed on defensive driving, the use of seat belts, drinking and driving, barbecue grill safety, water safety, and other recreational activities.

"Under the Oak Tree" counseling is mandatory. I expect every leader to be personally committed to the welfare of each Soldier, civilian, and family member to ensure they all return safely after the holiday.

3. As members of the Iron Family we cannot afford to let our safety guard down. Our goal is no loss of life and I ask that you give that goal your special attention over this long weekend. Whether barbecuing or going on a trip, apply composite risk management when planning any activity. Thank you for all of the hard work and sacrifices that you are making. I wish each of you a safe and happy Labor Day weekend.

4. *IRON SOLDIERS DIGNITY AND RESPECT!*

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